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Office Action Summary

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CHAE, JOHN W.

Examiner

Bena Miller

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-10 and 12-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Claims 1-10 and 11-19 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected group, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in Paper No. 02/23/04.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 12 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thary in view of Wingert.

Thary teaches in the figures most of the elements of the claimed invention including a doll head (fig.1) comprising a foam insert (30), a doll body (fig.1) and a mesh coupled to the surface of the doll head (38, 40) and the steps of providing (fig.1), positioning (col. 4, par. 1 and 2). Wingert teaches a doll that is stuffed with material and is secured by suitable stitching 6 (col. 1, lines 47-52 and col. 2, lines 1-4). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to stitch as taught by Wingert the doll of Thary for the purpose of allowing the body parts of the doll to be more secured. Further, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply the step of sewing as

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taught by Wingert to the method of Thary for the purpose of allowing the body parts of the doll to be more secured.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Price teaches a doll. Cahill teaches a fabric doll face with stuffed feature, and method. Averill teaches a doll. Ford teaches a doll.

Applicant's election with traverse of group II in Paper No. 03/19/04 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the assertion, as mentioned in lines 3-6 in the response, is insufficient. This is not found persuasive because the combination claim does not require the particulars of the subcombination.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bena Miller whose telephone number is 703.305.0643. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

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